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FEB. WINTER RAINSTORM UPDATE

LOS ANGELES (Fri., Feb. 5, 2010 – 11:30 a.m.) – The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), its Operational Area partners comprised of 88 cities, 137 unincorporated areas and 288 special districts, along with County Department of Public Works (DPW), Fire and Sheriff's are working together in monitoring the current rainstorm system that has moved into the County as of this morning.

In anticipation of the forecasted weekend rainstorm system, DPW announced it has closed public access to almost all County roads within the Station Fire burn areas.

The segment of Big Tujunga Canyon Road, from the Los Angeles City limit to Vogel Flats Road, will remain open to residents and construction crews. However, the road will be closely monitored during the rainstorm system and subject to closure if conditions warrant.

The remainder of Big Tujunga Canyon Road, the Angeles Forest Highway, and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road, will be closed to all traffic except emergency vehicles and DPW personnel. Residents living in the burn areas will not be permitted to use the roads until the closures are lifted after the threat of the rainstorm system(s) has passed and roadway debris and damage inspections are completed. Angeles Crest Highway (SR2) remains closed to all traffic.

For additional updates visit the following websites:

- Los Angeles County website at http://lacounty.gov "Emergency Alerts"
- Coordinated Agency Recovery Effort (CARE) website at www.dpwcare.org
- Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist07